

# EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

May 7th, 2020 – 4:00 pm

Attending: Rebecca Turner, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Barbara Kalish, Stephen Piersanti, Ellen Maggio

Missing: Elliott Snyder, Bill Wood

- **Meeting Minutes:** March meeting minutes were approved
  - There was no meeting held in April
- The May meeting was held remotely via Zoom.
- **Historical commission Statement & Collection policy:** Rebecca will email out the current mission statement and collection policies on file for the commission to review. Barbara will follow up with Chris Skelly, the Western Mass Historic Commission contact about organizing (possibly on-line) training so we can evaluate our mission statement and how we would like to direct our work with the town as well as how we organize the archive collection.
- **Archive collection:** Re-organizing the archive collection is a priority and Rebecca broke out some of the top projects to begin with.
  - Sort through the law books to separate out the “Karner Collection (1816-1836)” and identify other law book collections.
  - Identify where items are located on a floor plan of the archive
  - Continue re-locating the items currently storied in the workroom
  - Update the existing collection spreadsheet for re-located items
  - Log-in new items we have received to the collection
- **Route 23 Project:** The April meeting had been postponed due to COVID-19. When it is re-scheduled, Barbara will take the lead on following up with the town on what is happening. In April she reached out to Mass Historic about reviewing the plans. As they are now, they have not been reviewed, but the will be as the project moves further along.
- **Complete Streets:** Stephen has been attending meetings for the updates planned for Sheffield Egremont Rd. No updates have happened in the last month.
- **Oral History:** Barbara is continuing to work on this project and will coordinate with Ellen on the next steps. As in-person interviews are on hold, it was suggested that we could reach out over the email form or social media to possibly seek out shorter written stories from past and present residents to be included.
- **Town Birthday Party:** Barbara noted that there is a planning meeting scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. The party is tentatively scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **April Hill History / Front Room:** Ellen will take the lead in working with Greenagers (Will Conklin) to develop the written history for April Hill. She and Elliott will also work together to plan how to decorate and/or furnish the front parlor at April Hill.
- **Walking Tours:** The commission has done walking tours of the villages and cemeteries in the past as part of our outreach. Stephen will take the lead on looking at setting up some future tours, possibly in the fall or for next year.

Next Proposed Meeting: Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm – location TBD

Submitted by Rebecca Turner, Chair & Secretary